Canada has implemented all the measures in paragraph 7 and also provides substantial assistance to the Front Line States as urged in paragraph 8.

Finally, on draft resolution L.40 dealing with apartheid in sport, Canada is obliged to abstain. We have difficulty ratifying the UN International Convention on this subject, given our legal, constitutional and human-rights framework. Moreover we do not agree with the principle of secondary boycotts and thus cannot support the UN Register of Sports Contacts. That said, Canada has this year further tightened its policy of sporting contacts with South Africa, already among the toughest in the world. Our objective remains the effective elimination of all sporting contacts between Canada and South Africa pending the end of apartheid.

Mr. President,

We must all do our part to encourage peaceful change in South Africa. The statements we have heard in the debate and the resolutions before us are, taken together, a clear message to the Government of South Africa that it must take more concrete action. South Africa itself knows what it has do do. Let us hope, as we move on to the Special Session and shortly into a new decade, that Pretoria can find the